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TAGS: SHUM, PINT, ELAB, OEXC, CI
SUBJECT: STATUS OF RUSTICATED CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS

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1. THE GOC HAS RESHUFFLED SOME OF THE DOZEN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (PDC) BANISHED TO THE NORTH JANUARY 14. IT HAS IMPROVED THE LOT OF ANDRES AYLWIN (BY PLACING HIM NEAR SEA LEVEL) AND SPLIT UP ANOTHER PAIR (BUT KEPT THEM IN THE HIGHLANDS). THE APPEALS COURT IS CONSIDERING A HABEAS CORPUS PETITION ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP. ACCORDING TO A LAWYER INVOLVED, HOWEVER, THEIR CLAIM HAS LITTLE CHANCE OF PROSPERING. THE ICRC SAYS A RED CROSS DOCTOR WILL REACH THE AREA JANUARY 24.

2. MEANWHILE, THE GOC PRODUCED LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS FOUND AT THE MEETING SITE JANUARY 13 WHICH IT CLAIMS SUBSTANTIATE THE CHARGE THAT THE GROUP WAS ENGAGING IN A POLITICAL ACTIVITY. ONE PURPORTS TO BE A PLAN FOR STRIKE ACTIONS LATER IN THE YEAR. ANOTHER, A LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCH-BASED CARDIEN FOUNDATION TO UN OFFICIAL GABRIEL VALDEZ, ALLEGEDLY STATES THAT THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION WAS BEING ASKED TO FUND A SOCIAL RESEARCH PROJECT AIMED, IN PART, AT ASSISTING "OPPOSITION LABOR LEADERS". ECONOMISTS (FRENCH-
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DAVIS AND FOXLEY) FROM THE PDC THINK TANK (CIEPAN) CALLED OF A MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR JANUARY 20 BECAUSE THEY, TOO, WERE NAMED IN THE LETTER AS INVOLVED IN THE SAME PROJECT. THE DOCUMENTS BECAME THE SUBJECT OF AN "EL MERCURIO" EDITORIAL -- MUCH TO THE PDC'S EMBARRASSMENT. EARLIER IN THE WEEK "EL MERCURIO" HAD COME OUT WITH A STIFF EDITORIAL CRITICAL OF THE GOC. IT STATED THAT EMERGENCY POWERS TENDED TO BE APPLIED SELECTIVELY AGAINST GIVEN GROUPS

BUT NOT AGAINST OTHERS "EVEN MORE DANGEROUS" (PERSUMABLY THE FASCIST RIGHT). "EL MERCURIO" SAID IT WOULD BE HARD TO PROVE THE MEETING WAS "POLITICAL" AND THAT THE GOC HAD NO NEED TO CRACK DOWN AFTER ITS SUCCESS IN THE PLEBISCITE.

3. ON JANUARY 19 THE LOCAL EMERGENCY ZONE COMMANDER RAND DOWN THE CURTAIN ON FURTHER COMMENTARY THROUGH BANDO 117 WHICH PROHIBITS THE DISSEMINATION OF ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE BANISHMENT. THE GOC ISSUED A SIMILAR BANDO IN THE CASE OF THE SIX LABOR LEADERS A MONTH AGO.

4. THE PDC HAS ALREADY CIRCULATED SEVERAL FLYERS OBJECTING TO THE SEVERITY OF THE PUNISHMENT DEALT OUT TO THE GROUP. IN ADDITION THE PDC LISTED THE NAMES OF NEARLY 50 OF ITS PARTISANS DETAINED DURING THE PLEBISCITE CAMPAIGN, OF WHOM ONE IS APPARENTLY STILL IN DETENTION. (COMMENT: A PDC YOUTH LEADER TELLS US THAT THE GOC ROUGHED UP SOME OF THE DETAINEES. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN THE CIGARETTE BURNS ON ONE YOUTH PICKED UP IN A SMALL NORTHER CHILE TOWN.)
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